

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-03192-RC**

LEOPOLD et al v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/24/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
10/24/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number ADCDC-6477593) filed by JASON LEOPOLD, BUZZFEED INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>4</u> Summons)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 10/24/2019)
10/24/2019	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Topic on behalf of BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 10/24/2019)

10/24/2019	<u>3</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by BUZZFEED INC. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 10/24/2019)
10/28/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (adh, ) (Entered: 10/28/2019)
10/28/2019	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh, ) (Entered: 10/28/2019)
11/27/2019	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by William Mark Nebeker on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Nebeker, William) (Entered: 11/27/2019)
11/27/2019	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 11/8/2019 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 11/27/2019)
11/27/2019	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 11/7/2019. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 11/27/2019)
11/27/2019	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 11/8/2019. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 12/8/2019. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 11/27/2019)
12/09/2019	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Nebeker, William) (Entered: 12/09/2019)
12/09/2019		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and submit a joint status report by December 23, 2019. The joint status report shall include a proposed schedule to govern further proceedings. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 12/09/2019. (lcrc1) (Entered: 12/09/2019)
12/10/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 12/23/2019 (tj) (Entered: 12/10/2019)
12/23/2019	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Nebeker, William) (Entered: 12/23/2019)
12/23/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>10</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before March 18, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 12/23/2019. (lcrc2) (Entered: 12/23/2019)
12/23/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 3/18/2020 (tj) (Entered: 12/23/2019)
03/18/2020	<u>11</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Robert Aaron Caplen on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Substituting for attorney W. Mark Nebeker (Caplen, Robert) (Entered: 03/18/2020)
03/18/2020	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Caplen, Robert) (Entered: 03/18/2020)
03/18/2020		SCHEDULING MINUTE ORDER adopting the proposal in <u>12</u> the parties' Joint Status Report: It is hereby ORDERED that Defendant shall file its motion for summary judgment by May 29, 2020; Plaintiffs shall file their opposition and cross-motion for summary judgment by June 26, 2020; Defendant shall file its reply and opposition to cross-motion for summary judgment by July 17, 2020; Plaintiffs shall file their reply by August 7, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 3/18/2020. (lcrc1) (Entered: 03/18/2020)
03/18/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Cross Motions due by 6/26/2020. Response to Cross Motions due by 7/17/2020. Reply to Cross Motions due by 8/7/2020. Summary Judgment motions due by 5/29/2020. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 6/26/2020. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 7/17/2020. (tj) (Entered: 03/18/2020)
05/14/2020	<u>13</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time for <i>Summary Judgment Briefing Deadlines</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Caplen, Robert); Modified text on 5/15/2020 (zth). (Entered: 05/14/2020)

05/14/2020		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>13</u> Defendant's Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time: It is hereby ORDERED that Defendant shall file its motion for summary judgment by July 1, 2020; Plaintiffs shall file their opposition and cross-motion for summary judgment by July 29, 2020; Defendant shall file its reply and opposition to the cross-motion for summary judgment by August 19, 2020; Plaintiffs shall file their reply by September 9, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 5/14/2020. (lcrc1) (Entered: 05/14/2020)
05/15/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Cross Motions due by 7/29/2020. Response to Cross Motions due by 8/19/2020. Reply to Cross Motions due by 9/9/2020. Summary Judgment motions due by 7/1/2020. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 7/29/2020. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 8/19/2020. (tj) (Entered: 05/15/2020)
06/29/2020	<u>14</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Summary Judgment Briefing Deadlines</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Caplen, Robert) (Entered: 06/29/2020)
06/29/2020		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>14</u> Defendant's Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time: It is hereby ORDERED that Defendant shall file its motion for summary judgment by August 7, 2020; Plaintiffs shall file their opposition and cross-motion for summary judgment by September 4, 2020; Defendant shall file its reply and opposition to the cross-motion for summary judgment by September 25, 2020; Plaintiffs shall file their reply by October 16, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 6/29/2020. (lcrc1) (Entered: 06/29/2020)
06/30/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Cross Motions due by 9/4/2020. Response to Cross Motions due by 9/25/2020. Reply to Cross Motions due by 10/16/2020. Summary Judgment motions due by 8/7/2020. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 9/4/2020. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 9/25/2020. (tj) (Entered: 06/30/2020)